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H. R. 706

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUTIERREZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Truth in Airport Park-
5 ing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) The Metropolitan Washington Airports Au-
4 thority offers certain dignitaries, including Members
5 of Congress, access to special parking privileges at
6 the Washington National Airport and such privileges
7 include parking fee-of-charge.

8 (2) Such privileges demonstrate a fundamental
9 difference between Government officials and the
10 American public.

11 (3) Despite attempts by some Members of both
12 the House of Representatives and the Senate to re-
13 voke these practices, such parking privileges have re-
14 mained intact.

15 (4) Until recently, the Airport had signage
16 posted indicating which special parking areas were
17 reserved for Members of Congress and other Govern-
18 ment officials.

19 (5) At present, such signs have been removed
20 and replaced by signs that are ambiguously worded,
21 thus making it less obvious that such parking is re-
22 served for Government officials.

23 (6) Such newly installed signs could have the
24 effect of misleading the American public.

1 **SEC. 3. REPLACEMENT OF MISLEADING SIGNS.**

2 Section 6006 of the Metropolitan Washington Air-
3 ports Act of 1986 (49 U.S.C. App. 2455) is amended by
4 adding at the end the following:

5 “(c) SIGNS IDENTIFYING PRIVILEGED PARKING
6 AREAS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary and the Ad-
8 ministrator shall ensure that, if any facility operated
9 by the Airports Authority receives Federal financial
10 assistance and provides special parking privileges
11 (including free parking) to Members of Congress
12 and other Federal officials, the Airport Authority
13 shall construct and erect at the facility signs that
14 clearly and unambiguously indicate that such Mem-
15 bers and officials are receiving such special parking
16 privileges.

17 “(2) FUNDING.—The signs referred to in para-
18 graph (1) will indicate that the parking referred to
19 in paragraph (1) is funded by Federal moneys, in-
20 cluding taxpayer dollars.

21 “(3) COST EFFICIENCY.—The Airports Author-
22 ity shall proceed in a manner as cost-effective as
23 possible in carrying out this subsection, including
24 the reuse of materials used in signs currently
25 erected at the facility.

1 “(4) VISIBILITY.—The signs referred to in
2 paragraph (1) shall be erected in an unobstructed
3 area and clearly visible to motor vehicle and pedes-
4 trian traffic at the facility.

5 “(5) DEADLINE.—The signs referred to in
6 paragraph (1) shall be printed, constructed, and
7 erected within 7 days after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this subsection.”.

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